

### **IC 20-12-3.5**

#### **Chapter 3.5. Power to Appoint Police Officers**

### **IC 20-12-3.5-1**

#### **Authority of trustees to appoint police officers; uniform; oath of office**

Sec. 1. The Ball State University board of trustees, Indiana State University board of trustees, the trustees of Indiana University, the trustees of Purdue University, University of Southern Indiana board of trustees, the board of trustees of Vincennes University, and the governing board of any other college, university, or junior college that is accredited by the North Central Association is authorized:

- (1) to appoint police officers for the institution for which it is responsible;
- (2) to prescribe their duties and direct their conduct;
- (3) to prescribe distinctive uniforms for the police of the institution or campus; and
- (4) to designate and operate emergency vehicles.

Police officers appointed under this section shall take an appropriate oath of office in the form and manner prescribed by the appointing governing board and shall serve at its pleasure.

*(Formerly: Acts 1971, P.L.329, SEC.1; Acts 1975, P.L.244, SEC.1.)  
As amended by P.L.218-1985, SEC.4.*

### **IC 20-12-3.5-2**

#### **Powers and duties of police officers**

Sec. 2. (a) Police officers appointed under this chapter have general police powers including the power to arrest, without process, all persons who within their view commit any offense. They have the same common law and statutory powers, privileges, and immunities as sheriffs and constables, except that they are empowered to serve civil process only to the extent authorized by the employing governing board; however, any powers may be expressly forbidden them by the governing board of the institution employing them. In addition to any other powers or duties, such police officers have the duty to enforce and to assist the officials of their institutions in the enforcement of the rules and regulations of the institution, and to assist and cooperate with other law enforcement agencies and officers.

(b) Such police officers may exercise the powers granted under this section only upon any real property owned or occupied by their institutions, including the streets passing through and adjacent thereto. Additional jurisdiction may be established by agreement with the chief of police of the municipality or sheriff of the county or the appropriate law enforcement agency where the property is located, dependent upon the jurisdiction involved.

(c) When an eligible police officer retires after at least twenty (20) years of service, the police officer may retain the officer's service weapon. The officer is entitled to receive, in recognition of the service to the department and the public, a badge that indicates that

the officer is retired. Upon retirement, the department shall issue to the police officer an identification card that states the police officer's name and rank at retirement, states the officer's retired status, and notes the officer's authority to retain the service weapon. A police officer described in this subsection is entitled to a lifetime license to carry a handgun under IC 35-47-2-3(e).

*(Formerly: Acts 1971, P.L.329, SEC.1; Acts 1975, P.L.244, SEC.2.)  
As amended by Acts 1978, P.L.2, SEC.2012; P.L.116-1999, SEC.1.*

### **IC 20-12-3.5-3**

#### **Traffic and parking regulations**

Sec. 3. The governing board of the institution may regulate the traffic and parking of motor vehicles, bicycles or other vehicles as well as the traffic of pedestrians on, over and across the streets, roads, paths and grounds of real property owned, used, occupied or controlled by that institution. Such regulations applicable to traffic and parking may include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:

(a) Provisions governing the registration, speed, operation, parking and times, places and manner of use of motor vehicles, bicycles and other vehicles.

(b) Provisions prescribing penalties for the violation of regulations, which penalties may include the imposition of reasonable charges, the removing and impounding (at the expense of the violator) of vehicles which are operated or parked in violation of regulations and the denial of permission to operate vehicles on the property of the institution.

(c) Provisions establishing reasonable charges and fees for the registration of vehicles and for the use of parking spaces or facilities owned or occupied by the institution.

(d) This section does not limit or restrict the powers of any other governmental authority having jurisdiction over public streets, roads, alleys or ways.

*(Formerly: Acts 1971, P.L.329, SEC.1; Acts 1975, P.L.244, SEC.3.)*

### **IC 20-12-3.5-4**

#### **Request for additional police assistance**

Sec. 4. The governing board of the institution may empower one or more officials of the institution for which it is responsible to request the assistance of peace officers of the state, of counties, and of cities and towns, when it appears necessary so to do. When any peace officer is on the property of the institution by virtue of a request, he shall possess all powers conferred by this chapter upon police officers appointed by the respective governing board, in addition to the powers otherwise conferred upon the peace officers by the law of the State of Indiana.

*(Formerly: Acts 1971, P.L.329, SEC.1; Acts 1975, P.L.244, SEC.4.)*

### **IC 20-12-3.5-5 Repealed**

*(Repealed by Acts 1975, P.L.244, SEC.5.)*

**IC 20-12-3.5-6**

**Supplemental effect of chapter**

Sec. 6. This chapter is supplemental to all other statutes relating to the power of a state educational institution to appoint police officers.

*As added by P.L.1-1989, SEC.40.*